Manokit Species Guidebook

Full comprehensive text on the manokit species
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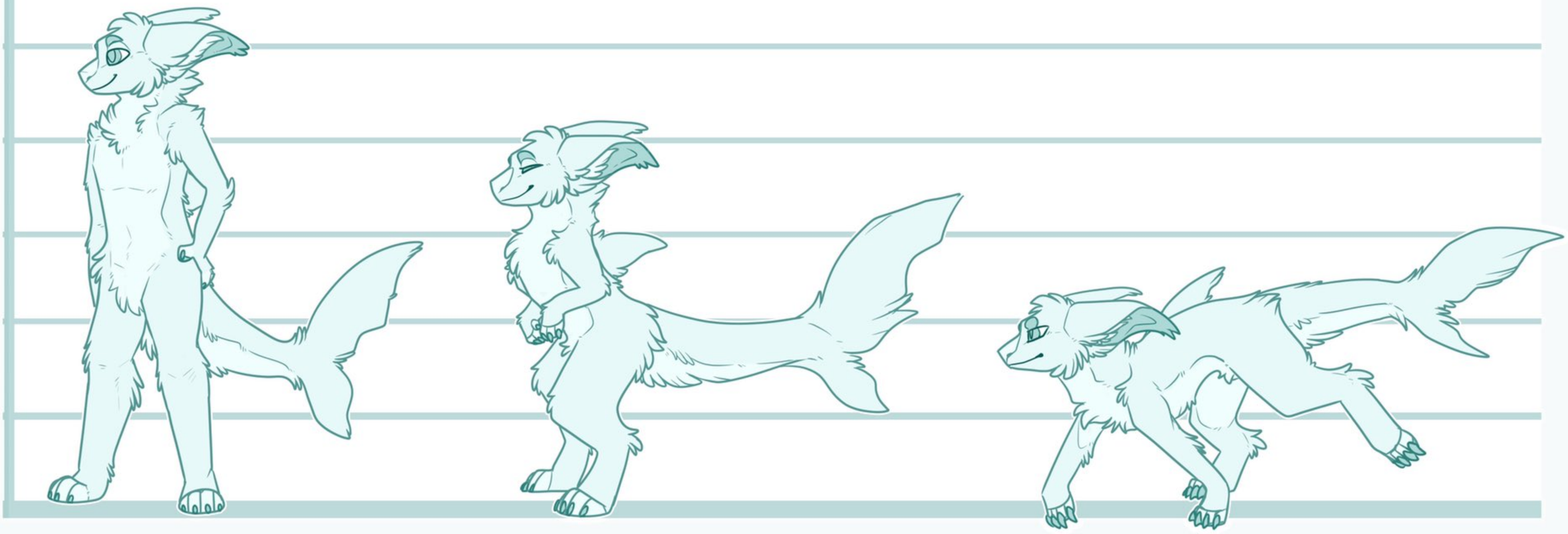

Tribal

Beach Dweller

Holoholo Form

Beach Dwellers Information

Beach Dwellers are the most commonly known subspecies of Manokit, They are notably distinguished by their “raptor-like” body shape. Unlike their Tribal counterparts they excel at traveling in water; using their magic to swiftly cut through the ocean currents. They’re quite commonly seen by divers, swimming in and playing among schools of fish; and in some cases they have been seen assisting larger aquatic creatures by steering them away from beaches or other potential harm.
These guys love to have fun and are unbeaten when it comes to surfing tides; their tails act like a sort of “rudder” and allow them to seamlessly glide through the water.

Despite their name it is most common to find beach dwellers exploring the ocean floor, they have exceptional dark vision but in exposed sunlight they’re practically “blind” causing their squinting appearance. The magical properties they carry allow them to hold their breath for extended periods of time, foregoing the need for gills and assisting their underwater speed. Less magical Beach Dwellers however can be seen around the shores and shallows of the water as they have a harder time swimming but can be found wading or traveling out into the ocean on rafts or flotation devices.

For their dietary needs they eat mostly seafood with the rare opportunity fruit, often only coming out of the water and their reef to satisfy their incredible sweet tooth or to interact with others of their kind. (It's worth waddling onto the beach if there is a chance at getting your hands on a pineapple!) They are skilled underwater hunters, and have a preference for crustaceans and any fish which can fit inside their mouths.

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They have larger, stronger tails for seamless underwater steering. Some Beach Dwellers have gained fish like traits over the years for better camouflage, to aid in hunting, or just to seem more attractive. Bio-luminescent eyes and markings, extra fins, longer fins, lion fish styled frills, beta-fish like tails, and the like being the most common. They do not possess gills, as they do not need them; being able to breathe underwater via their magic.

While on land Beach dwellers on land move at a slightly uncoordinated 5km/h (or just over 3mph), while in water they can swim consistently at speeds of up to 95km/h (or up to 60mph.) as they are more adjusted to their "aquatic" life they will not get tired from swimming in water but they will from running on land. They have a higher center of gravity which leads them to almost topple over if they attempt to run "too fast".

They commonly speak through a series of trills and purr-like noises while alone and with other Beach Dwellers, but they can also whistle to communicate with their Tribal brethren.

Both male and female Beach Dwellers average a height of about 4'5 at the shortest to 5'0 ft.

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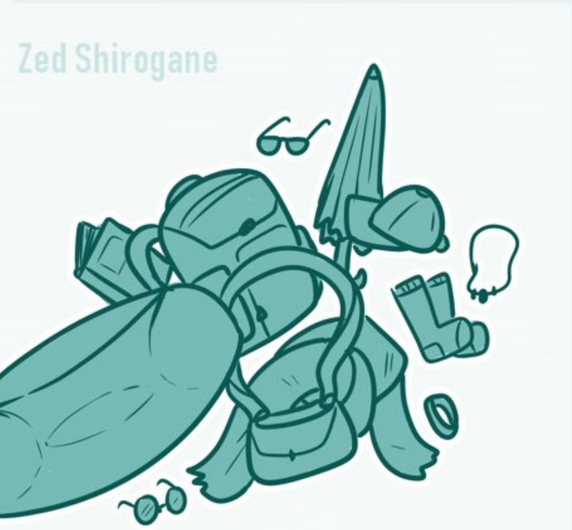

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Beach Dwellers are tied to the “Goddess” Elisan. She is known to them as the Goddess of the “sea and moon” and is responsible for their unique magical properties. Her gift to beach dwellers allows for them to hold their breath for hours at a time as well as allowing them the ability to heal and cultivate ocean life. Coral reefs always seem more vibrant and sea life becomes more plentiful wherever this subspecies is found. Beach Dwellers use Elisans powers to scour the ocean floors and seek out long forgotten treasures; they love searching old shipwrecks or even seeing just how far they can dive!

Elisan is most commonly represented by the moon due to her direct power over the tides, though it is said her powers stretch as far as the rivers flowing throughout the isles as well. Under each full moon Beach Dwellers gather their most “unique” finds from their ocean exploration and offer them up to Elisan before casting them back to the very waters they were found.
Their festivals consist of playful surfing competitions and elegant synchronized swimming before ending in a lavish feast of fruits and seafood.

Tribal Information

Unlike their waddling brethren, Tribal Manokits walk and stand much more upright and they are better coordinated on two legs, however they are weak swimmers. Primarily keeping to the forested, and mountain filled areas of the mainland. These Manokits posses an incredible ability to climb. Most often they will travel either solo or in small hunting parties, and they can create simple tools like nets and fishing rods. Fishing being a skill at which they excel at. Even compared to Beach Dwellers. They also primarily eat seafood and fruit, but they will occasionally eat smaller birds. Tribal Manokits are druidic in nature and they use their own magic to better the world and islands around them.

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Unlike the Beach Dwellers, they have incredible vision during the day, but poor vision during the night. Their night vision only slightly improved within their feral form. They do keep their eyes open unless the sun is too bright, leading them to squint. They are able to reach a maximum running speed in their bipedal form of 24km/h (or up to 15 mph.) They communicate in a wide series of melodic chirps, often compared to and confused with large exotic birds or parakeets. However they are also able to trill to be able to communicate with Beach Dwellers, but they rarely will within their own company. They average between 5'5 ft and 5'0 ft between male and female. The females often shorter, also possessing a small amount of extra tissue similar to breasts to more easily distinguish between the two, however this tissue serves no other purpose, and they possess no nipples. Tribal Manokits do not have the same water dwelling features such as extra frills and fins as Beach Dwellers due to their location. As a result, they have naturally shorter and smaller tails and back fins, and there have even been some cases of Tribal Manokits having no back fin at all, though this isn't a common occurrence.

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They frequently host celebrations with neighboring tribals to honor Yuliasha, their Goddess of the earth. Their celebrations consist of tribal members meeting in a centralized location (usually the highest point in the region they're located) and bringing exotic fruits and trinkets to trade among'st each other, as well as large feasts. Yuliasha, considered the elder sister to Elisan; she grants the tribal species the ability to mend nature and heal others. She also gifted the tribal Manokits with the ability to shape-shift into a 'feral' form to travel faster across land, though this uses a good amount of their magic. This form is known as Holoholo- meaning to travel for ones own enjoyment.

Yuliasha's magic is opposite her sisters and draws directly from the sun and allows her to bring vibrant life to the land. Tribal manokits idolize her for the magical gifts she grants them; as well as bend nature to heal themselves and others. She is most commonly represented by the sun, and has domain over most of the mainland- within its trees, and mountains. It is said the wind rushing down from the hills, and rustling the leaves is her keeping an eye on her creations.

Tribal Manokits are incredibly artistic, and they are able to create paints from a mixture of crushed berries, shells, and plant material, as well as simple clothing or jewelry. Occasionally sharing their creations with Beach Dwellers in exchange for rarer shells, or harder to catch fish.

Holoholo Form Information

Unique to the Tribals because of their relationship to Yuliasha, they are able to shape shift into a 'Feral' or four-legged form for faster travel across their island. This form strictly walks and runs on four legs. They are able to run at a max speed of 95km/h (or 60mph) and they are quite a bit more agile than they are within the tribal form. The Holoholo form is the shortest among all three forms of Manokit, standing only at 3 feet/1 meter while on all fours. Holoholo form Manokits keep all existing features of their tribal form, including pattern and horns. They do not keep clothing, but accessories like piercings and necklaces remain in the same spots. They share the same diet as their tribal form, but vocally they are closer to Beach Dwellers. The magic in this form is incredibly specialized to maneuver around the island

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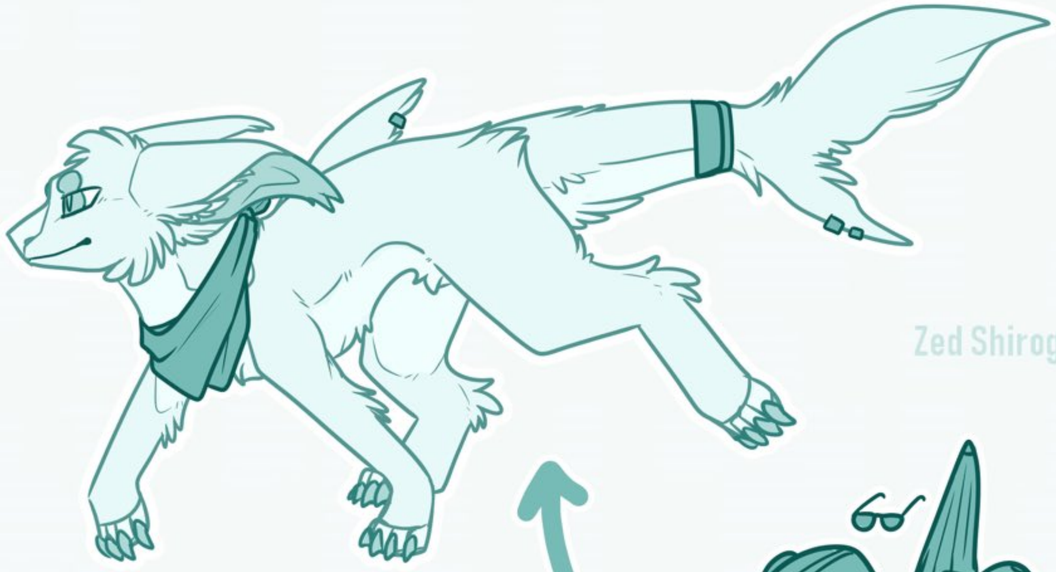

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The magic in this form is incredibly specialized to maneuver around the island and allows the Tribals to cover much more ground; be it for hunting and gathering or simply finding a new place to temporarily call home. Holoholo form even allows tribals to slip into harder to reach places like smaller caves; and their lower center of gravity means they're much more stable than their bi-pedal form, however they have a harder time climbing to much harder to reach places.

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Due to the risk to the health of the parents, if a couple truly wishes to have a second within that time, or if one of the parents should lose their abilities, or be at risk of losing their abilities as a result of trying; another Manokit can step up to act as a surrogate. Additionally, should both parents be lost somehow, be it related to the ritual or otherwise, another much more experienced Manokit will adopt the newly orphaned Mino.

The parents create a vessel to store this newly combined soul safely until it has time to grow and fully develop. This vessel can be made of anything, so long as it is hollow and no smaller than a coconut, often palm leaves or seaweed. It is then placed along side three other items of the parents choosing to honor their goddess

The young of both species are referred to as Minos.
Reproduction for Manokits, as with nearly every creature, begins with two living beings, although it matters little how they choose to identify themselves in regards to gender. Regardless of identity or subspecies a mino is still just as possible although it's not without risk to those who wish to have one. It begins at the very core of a Manokit's being, in a strong spiritual bond. They begin by each taking half of their soul, in a sense their magic or very essence, and weaving it together to create an entirely new being under the guidance and blessing of their Goddess in a very specific ritual. Due to this split, it is recommended no Manokit have more than one mino over a two year period. This allows time to regain the lost magic, and of course plenty of time to raise the little one. Splitting the soul again during this time can- and has, lead to one or both parents completely losing their magical ability, and in some cases their very lives.

In the case of Elisan and her Beach Dwellers, objects such as pearls, sea shells, sea glass, and bone jewelry are commonly used. For Yuliasha and her Tribals, objects such as gemstones, vibrant feathers, and fruit are used most often. In couples where both parents are the same subspecies the mino will always be the same species; however when you have a set of parents of different subspecies interesting things can occur.

Once two parents of opposite subspecies decide to have a Mino they make an appropriate offering to either Elisan or Yuliasha to ensure that Goddess in particular gives the kit their magical blessing. However, Hybrid Minos can have existing features from both parents.

Once one or the other subspecies is established as primary (Tribal or Beach dweller) that is the only magic that the kit can use, regardless of the features they took from their parents.

BeachDweller Hybrids

Tribal Height 5'0-5'5 ft.
Shorter Fins and Tails
Better day vision
- this can be reflected in the Hybrid by also giving them less of a squinting appearance than their Beach Dweller counterparts

Beach Dwelling hybrids cannot travel on land as well as a normal tribal nor climb like they do.

Tribal Hybrids

Beach Dweller fins or tails
- they MUST retain the shorter fin and tail size as the regular tribal kits

Bio-luminescence
Beach dweller height 4'5-5'0 ft.

Regardless if their parent is a beach dweller if the kit is born tribal they still CANNOT swim like a beach dweller.

Twins are also possible, though such a birth is considered very rare and something to be celebrated due to the risk of creating even one Mino. Often having a two day long festival just to celebrate such an event. It's said that one in every hundred births could potentially result in twins. This does have its own set of issues, however. Although they age and grow at the same rate, with the same health as a normal Mino, the same cannot be said for their magic.

Most commonly, their magic will be split between the two siblings, resulting in more time being needed to learn how to use it, another 2-3 years at most. Occasionally however, one of the twins will excel in magical abilities, while the other does has a harder time, or one twin may even have no abilities at all.

The style of the vessel can help predict the subspecies of the mino.

Minos will stay within the vessel for a one to two month long period depending on the season. Until they become more used to the language of their subspecies, they make a series of soft kitten-like mewls and squeaks, typically speaking the language at around four months. Minos are unable to open their eyes at all within the first three months after birth- during which time they rely heavily on their parents and their developing sense of hearing; but they will continue to rely on their parents completely for the first year. They are much more fluffy than their parents, their waterproof coat not growing in for a year after birth regardless of whether the Mino is a Beach Dweller or Tribal

Absolutely NO wings. Beach Dwellers are allowed to have large back or arm fins similar to rays and some fish, to assist in moving in and jumping out of the water, but by no means are either species able to fly.

Manokits are NOT allowed to be hybridized with other species, including but not limited to: Sergals, Vernids, Dutch Angel Dragons, Wickerbeasts, Protogens, Gem Raptors, Closed Species, etc. Each species has their own rules you must follow, and we wish to respect that.

Have fun with extra traits but keep your manokit recognizable as either subspecies.

Absolutely NO NSFW, as no form has any genitalia or nipples.

All the tail features follow the same shape as the original/main tail shape (fish tail = fish fins)

Permitted for Beachdwellers ✓

- Horns
- Swimming
- Exotic fins and tails
  - longer fins
  - lion fish styled frills
  - beta-fish like tails
- Canine teeth
- Bioluminescent markings
- Bioluminescent eyes.

Not Permitted ✗

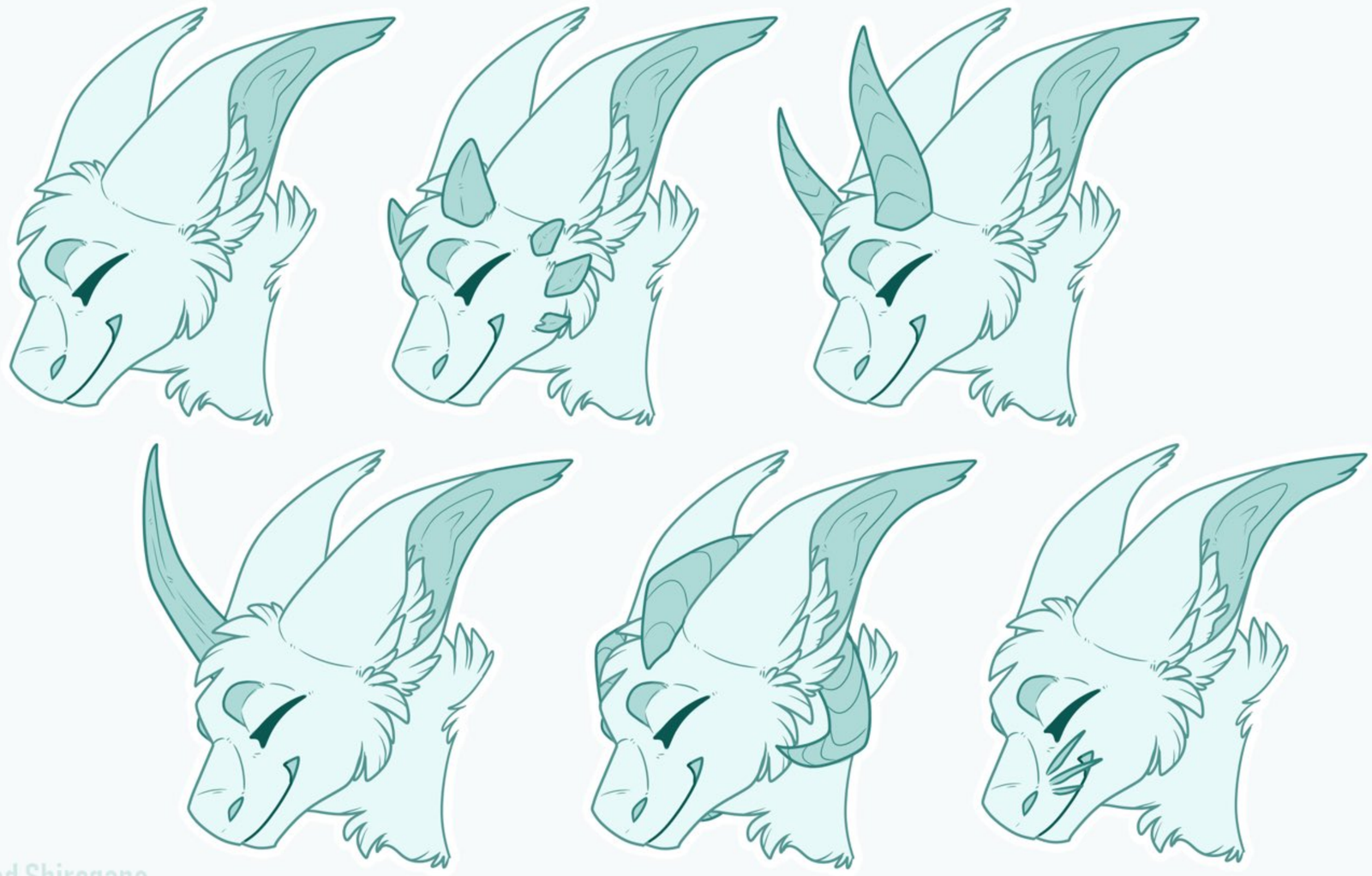
- Tribal posture
- Gills
- Wings
- “Undead” kits of any type
- “Cyborg” kits
- “Feral form”

Permitted for Tribals ✓

- Horns
- Climbing
- Open eyes (optional)
- Fins
- Feral form
- Canine teeth
- Shorter tails
- Shorter backfins
  - Possibly no back-fin (uncommon, see Tribal Biology)

Not Permitted ✗

- Deep water swimming
  - (wading is fine)
- “Cyborg” kits
- “Undead” kits
- Beach Dweller posture
- Wings



Horns have actually been allowed since around 2016, but due to popular request we're properly announcing it. They're allowed on either subspecies just don't get carried away. All horns are restricted to the head, but they can be almost any design.

- Antlers
- singular unicorn
- narwhal-like
- goat-like

Manokits are only allowed to have rounded pupils. No X shaped, split, square, horizontal, etc. pupils are allowed